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## HORRIBLE CRIME.

### Italian Dagoes Kill Five Men and Wound Others at Windber.

## WURDERERS AT LARGE.

### Fulton County Boy one of the Victims.

Windber is the new mining town in Cambria county 8 miles from Johnstown. The name is a composition of the syllables in the name of Mr. Berwind one of the promoters of the place. It is sprung up in the wilderness half by magic, and thousands of persons have gone there to better their fortunes. Every day thousands upon thousands of dollars are set afloat, and for a few days thereafter pandemonium reigns.

Saturday, April 14th was a pay day. Sunday following was a day characterized by wildest scenes of wickedness.

A French woman, named Mrs. Peck, was running a speak-easy house of ill-fame. On Sunday night a group of men were dancing at this place in company with her and two other women.

About ten o'clock, says the Johnstown Democrat, Sunday night, Buckwalter, an Englishman, stepped out of the smoke house to get a whiff of fresh air, when he was confronted by an Italian with a drawn revolver.

The Italian at once fired two shots at Buckwalter. Buckwalter managed to drop at the first shot, and then began running. The Italian kept firing, the third shot hitting the Englishman in the right leg. The Italian fired two more shots emptying his gun.

As he fired his last shot, the rest of the men in the smoke house to arouse stepped to the door. Just beside this door stood the Italian, a most murderous looking knife in his hand.

As he stepped more from the man in the door, and the long blade had cut into his left lung, cutting his arm enroute. Swiftly the blade was withdrawn and once again it descended, this time being buried just a little to the right of the heart. The man fell to the ground without a whimper, stone-dead.

A trice victim No. 2 came to the door and with him the opera house was repeated, except that the Italian, who is said to be a musician practiced in the arts of vendetta, managed to kill him with one deft blow. Then another man stepped up to the sham-

and still another, each in his drunken stupor unaware of the murderous work inaugurated by the Italian. In this way, each man walking to his death, the Italian completed his task of re-

vengeing the divided favor of his mistress. The total of his skill was above enumerated.

The Italian was evidently an expert with a stiletto as all the wounds resulted fatally and were fatal spots either the heart, abdomen or lungs. There is no reliable description of the Italian.

The weapon was made from a file about eight inches long, pointed and very keen.

Among those who were attracted to the place by the shooting was Samuel Shives, son of Daniel Shives of Belfast township, Cambria county. Samuel was aged about 22 years, and along with a number of other Fulton county men had been employed at Windber.

It is said that he was in no way connected with the trouble which cost him his life, as he had attended services at the United Brethren church that evening, which denomination he recently became a member, and was returning home. When he heard the trouble, he ran to the assistance of his comrades, only to expose himself to the assassin's knife. He was found dead about a hundred yards from the scene of the tragedy, having been

stabbed in the stomach. His remains were at once sent to the home of his father, and interment was made at the Shives graveyard on Timber Ridge.

As a result of the coroner's jury investigating the crime, three Italians are charged with committing the murders. The jury names as the guilty parties Frank Napoleon, Antonia Medino and Andrea Frunzo, and \$500 has been subscribed by the citizens of Windber to apprehend the criminals. Photographs of the three Italians have been obtained, and the police authorities from Harrisburg to Pittsburg have been given descriptions of the feuds.

## SIDELING HILL.

David Winter who has been seriously ill for the past week, is better at this writing.

Quite a number of people gathered at Cedar Grove Sunday for the purpose of organizing a Sabbath school.

Roy Garland visited at the home of Caleb Hixson Sunday.

Brooks Hill, of Fairmount, Indiana, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Hill.

Misses Ella Mellott and Lillian Fisher spent Sunday night as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Carnell.

Amos Plessinger and wife were Sunday visitors at Job L. Garland's.

Mr. George Lynch, wife and family, of Gapsville, visited the family of G. E. B. Hill Sunday last.

Quite a number of our young people attended the school break at Franklin Mills last Friday. They all report a good time.

Emery Diehl, of Whips Cove, was a pleasant caller in our midst Wednesday.

Russell Layton attended church in Whips Cove Saturday night.

Mrs. Caleb Hixson has been on the sick list, but is slowly convalescing.

Job Hill and wife spent Sunday afternoon with the family of David Winter.

Mt. Airy school, which has been successfully taught for the last seven months by Miss Ella Mellott, of Needmore, closed last Wednesday. We are sorry to see Miss Mellott leave and will gladly welcome her back to our school again.

Lillian Fisher, who has been ill for the past two weeks, is slowly recovering.

Wallace, son of Charles Hess, is ill.

While some of our young people were celebrating Easter Sunday at Henry Layton's, they had the misfortune to knock the stove over; and what might have been a serious fire, was averted only by a prompt application of plenty of water.

Mt. Airy school closed Thursday, after a very successful term taught by Miss Ella Mellott.

Mr. S. Brook Hill, of Fairmount Indiana, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Hill.

Mr. Scott Lynch expects soon to leave for Dubois, Pa.

Mr. Ben Morris spent last Thursday at Mount Airy.

Messrs. Bert Hess and A. H. Lanehart were at the "school-break" at the Chapel.

Mr. David Winter, who has been very sick for some time, is slowly recovering.

Mr. Samuel Winter, who has been working in the carshops at M'Kee's Rocks, was called home on account of his father's illness.

Mr. Russel Layton was a agreeable caller at Abner Mellott's Saturday evening.

Last Sunday, Walter Weicht was at William Downs's, Ira Hess and wife were at Job L. Garland's and Aaron Layton was at Henry Layton's.

One day last week, while Guy Deneen was riding Albert Hixson's thorough-bred colt, it became unmanageable and succeeded in unseating Master Guy; he escaped, however, uninjured.

Success to the FULTON COUNTY NEWS!

## AN OLD NEWSPAPER.

### Gives an Account of the Death of George Washington.—Quaint Advertisement.

Mrs. Catharine Eitemiller, of this place, has in her possession a copy of the Ulster County Gazette, published at Kingston, N. Y., Saturday, January 4, 1800; hence over a hundred years old. It is a four column folio, and it seems to have been the first issue after receiving the news of General Washington's death; for the inside pages are surrounded by a black twenty-four point border, while the columns are separated by pica rule inverted.

From the fact that twenty-one days had elapsed since his death, it would, at first thought, seem late for so important an event to be getting into print; but it must be remembered that at that time the telephone did not exist, neither did the telegraph, the railroad, nor even the steamboat. The wagon roads were bad, and at some seasons, were almost impassable.

When everything is considered, the following story is not improbable:

"A traveler, one day in June, 1800, entered a small town in western New York. Although a week day, business was suspended, special services were being held in the churches, and there was an air that impressed the stranger that something dreadful had happened. Wondering what had befallen the good people, the traveler ventured to ask, when an old citizen, with tears rolling down over his cheeks, exclaimed—'O, my dear sir, we've just heard that General Washington is dead!'"

It had taken them about six months to get the news. Quite a contrast is that with the fact that now it is possible for the president of the United States to die at noon of any given day, and for his death to appear in a California newspaper in the morning of that same day. Getting things down pretty fine.

The following account of the funeral of George Washington is copied from Mrs. Eitemiller's paper.

"GEORGE TOWN, DEC. 20.

On Wednesday last, the mortal part of WASHINGTON the Great—the Father of his Country and the Friend of man, was consigned to the tomb, with solemn honor and funeral pomp.

A multitude of persons assembled from many miles around, at Mount Vernon, the choice abode and last residence of the illustrious chief. There were the groves—the spacious avenues, the beautiful and sublime scenes, the noble mansions—but, alas! the august inhabitant was now no more. That great soul was gone. His mortal part was there indeed; but ah! how affecting! how awful the spectacle of such worth and greatness, thus, to mortal eyes fallen!—Yes! fallen! fallen!

In the long and lofty Portico, where oft the Hero walked in all his glory, now lay the shrouded corpse. The countenance still composed and serene, seemed to depress the dignity of the spirit, which lately dwelt in that lifeless form! There those who paid the last sad honors to the benefactor of his country, took an impressive—a farewell view.

On the ornament at the head of the coffin, was inscribed SURGE AD JUDICUM—about the middle of the coffin, GLORIA DEO—and on the silver plate,

GENERAL

GEORGE WASHINGTON,

Departed this life, on the 14th December, 1799, AET. 68.

Between three and four o'clock the sound of artillery from a vessel in the river, firing minute guns, awoke afresh our solemn sorrow—the corps was removed—a band of music with mournful melody melted the soul into all the tenderness of woe.

The procession was formed

& moved on in the following order:

Cavalry, } With arms reversed  
Infantry, }  
Guard, }  
Music, }  
Clergy, }

The General's horse with his saddle, holsters and pistols.

Cols. Sims, Ramsay, Payne, Mourners, Masonic Brethren, Citizens.

When the procession had arrived at the bottom of the elevated lawn, on the bank of the Potomac, where the family vault is placed, the cavalry halted, the infantry marched towards the Mount and formed their lines—the Clergy, the Masonic Brethren, and the Citizens, descended to the Vault, and the funeral service of the Church was performed.—The firing was repeated from the vessel in the river, and the sounds echoed from the woods and hills around.

Three general discharges by the infantry—the cavalry, and 11 pieces of artillery, which lined the banks of the Potomac back of the vault, paid the last tribute to the entombed Commander in Chief of the Armies of the United States and to the departed Hero.

The sun was now setting. Alas! the SON OF GLORY was set forever. No—the name of WASHINGTON—the American President and General—will triumph over DEATH! The unclouded brightness of his Glory will illuminate the future ages!

The business men even a hundred years ago had found out the value of printer's ink and used the newspapers to advertise their business. In the paper just mentioned, we find many curious advertisements and business notices. As an example we give the following:

## FOR SALE.

The one half of a

SAW MILL,

with a convenient place for BUILDING, lying in the Town of Rochester. By the Mill is an inexhaustible quantity of PINE WOOD.—And also,

A STOUT, HEALTHY, ACTIVE NEGRO WENCH.

Any person inclined to purchase, may know the particulars by applying to JOHN SCHOONMAKER, jun., at Rochester. November 13, 1799.

## NEEDMORE.

Work plenty; hands scarce. Gardens are being made.

Thompson Peck has gone over to spend a few days with Eli.

Mr. A. Runyan has hired S. M. Clevenger for the summer; and expects to keep him next winter to keep the stove warm and to entertain customers. Well, that will be less expensive than a graphophone.

Sam thinks the railroad talk is an electioneering scheme. O no, Sam, that's once again you are off. The promoters are about equally divided as to political affiliation. This county will get a railroad because it is ripe for one. You will not have to live many years to see a railroad through McConnellsburg, connecting the B. and O. and the Pennsy, and in connection with that an electric road will traverse the turnpike from Mercersburg to Everett, with a branch running from Harrisonville to Hancock via Needmore, and Covalt.

W. F. Hart is getting his new spring goods in.

John G. Shafer is in the garden to-day with his coat off making the dust fly. Take your time to it, "Foxy". Rome was not built in a day.

David Evans is very poorly.

Prof. B. N. Palmer who was principal of the Saltillo school, has returned home.

Miss Lib Mason, of Hancock, was in our midst last week.

## THE GRIM REAPER.

### DEATHS DURING THE PAST WEEK.

#### Helen Brotherton.

Our people were greatly shocked to learn of the death of Miss Helen Brotherton, daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Brotherton last Friday. She and her mother boarded at the Washington House in this place about four years, and three years ago went to Waynesboro. They had but recently moved to Westminster from Waynesboro. While here Helen was a pupil of the Editor and by her gentle manner won the love of all her schoolmates and teachers. Her father, the late Col. D. H. Brotherton, of the United States Army, was the great Indian campaigner and figured prominently during the war with Sitting Bull and his braves in the northwest.

#### John H. Dishong.

At the age of 49 years and six months, the subject of this notice passed to his long home last Saturday morning, April 21, 1900, at 5 o'clock, at his late residence near the Sideling Hill Baptist church. For several years he had been afflicted with chronic heart trouble, and the most that any of his physicians could do was to give him medicine that would render his affliction a little more easily to bear, without offering any hope of a permanent cure. For two years he has not been able to do any work. Several years ago he was married to a Miss Lizzie Clevenger, no relation to the families of that name living in this county. His wife and seven children—four sons and three daughters survive him.

He was buried in the cemetery at Sideling Hill Baptist church last Sunday, Elder Thomas Palmer conducting the services.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends.

#### Thomas K. Laley.

At the residence of William H. Peck, Esq., at Gem, with whose family Mr. Laley had been making his home for several months, the subject of this notice passed to his final reward last Saturday morning at the advanced age of 81 years. Mr. Laley was a master mechanic, and during the war had charge of the old gun factory at Harper's Ferry. When this place was destroyed by the rebels, he went to Pittsburg and engaged in the work of manufacturing musket cartridges; and later, followed the same avocation in Washington City.

For several years he has preferred the quiet of country life, and has boarded with different families in Belfast township.

Mr. Laley was an uncle of John T. Laley of Belfast township, with whom he frequently made his home.

He was a man of considerable means, possessed a mind well stored with information about men and events, and was altogether a thorough Christian gentleman, being a member of the M. E. church.

His remains were laid to rest in the graveyard at the Dunkard church on Sunday.

#### Lewis Harr.

Lewis Harr was born forty-four years ago near Big Cove Tannery. He was the son of John S., and Annie, Harr; and, with the exception of one year, spent his entire life in the neighborhood of his birthplace. Twelve years ago he was married to Miss Nettie F. Gordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Gordon, of Thompson township. Three weeks ago last Saturday, he complained of not feeling well. A physician was consulted and it was found that he had pneumonia; typhus symptoms developed, and an acute case of typhoid pneumonia resulted; and, while everything was done for his relief, his constitution was not vigorous enough to withstand the attack,

and on last Sunday night, in the presence of his heart-broken wife and sorrowing friends, he peacefully passed from earth.

Mr. Harr was an honest and industrious citizen and a good neighbor. In addition to his wife, there survive him his father, his brother Albert, and his sister, Mollie Keyser, wife of D. E. Keyser. Interment at the Big Cove Tannery Lutheran church Tuesday afternoon.

#### Ephraim Hart.

After a long and distressing illness, Ephraim Hart, one of Whips Cove's oldest and best citizens, died at his home last Friday afternoon, aged 68 years, 11 months and 12 days.

Mr. Hart is a descendant of sturdy English stock who were among the first to settle along the Tonoloways. His grandfather, Nathaniel Hart lived near the present village of Needmore and was born February 7, 1765, or ten years before the battle of Bunker Hill. His father, William Hart was born February 7, 1798 or nearly two years before General Washington died. Both lived to a good old age.

The deceased was brought up to manhood in his father's home in Whips Cove, and about forty-five years ago was married to Miss Rachel, a daughter of Ex-Sheriff Dennis Daniels, and went to housekeeping near his father's home, where he spent the remainder of his life—never having spent much time outside of his native valley.

Mr. Hart was an excellent citizen—a man of rare judgment, and exemplary character; and, while he never sought public office, he was nearly always serving his township in some one or another of its official trusts.

It was in his home that his character appeared to the best advantage; for no husband and wife ever spent so many years in more congenial companionship than did he and his estimable wife.

While his parents were Primitive Baptists, he connected himself with the Christian denomination in February, 1860; and, from that time until the close of his life he was a useful and exemplary member. He was a member of the Building Committee that helped to erect the Lower church in the Cove in 1880, and he contributed liberally toward its construction.

In addition to his wife, three sons and one daughter survive him—W. Vincent, of the Cove Samuel, of Emmaville, Darling at home, and Kate, wife of Jonathan Cope, of Chester county. Three brothers and a sister—Dennis, Hartford City, Indiana; Job, Chester, Pa.; Abner, Whips Cove, and Margaret Truax, in Belfast township also survive him.

Interment at Cedar Grove, Sunday noon, Rev. A. W. May conducting the services. A large number of persons were present to pay their last respect to the deceased and to express their sympathy to the bereaved family.

#### THREE PAIRS.

A friend, who ought to know, tells us there is no such thing as three pairs, and that two pairs do not amount to much. Well, that may be, but Constable Milton Mellott, of Belfast township, doesn't think so. One night last week, his good wife presented him with the second set of twins. This ought to have been enough good luck for one time, but when he went to the barn in the morning to do the feeding, he found himself richer by a pair of twin calves and a pair of twin lambs.

#### BETHLEHEM.

Quite a number of heavy thunder showers passed over our Valley on Sunday night.

Miss Goldie Gross spent Thursday with her sister Mrs. Lottie Scott.

Mrs. H. W. Scott spent a couple of days last week with her son Samuel.

## PERSONAL.

Billy Hess and Dennis Everts, of Hesses' Mill, spent Monday in town.

John B. Sipes of near Laidig spent last Thursday in McConnellsburg.

Mr. John A. Pittman, of Sipes Mill, was an early caller at the News office Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Knepper of Taylor township spent Tuesday in McConnellsburg.

Mrs. Jane Ann Snyder and daughter Addie and son Cordie were in McConnellsburg Monday.

Mrs. Sabina Mellott has been in poor health recently, and has been with friends on this side of the mountain for treatment.

Mr. Luther Knauff, of Mercersburg, spent last Sunday on this side of the mountain, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Knauff.

Miss Margaret Daniels and Mr. E. Norman Akers of Sipes Mill spent Friday evening with Miss Daniels' sister Mrs. P. P. Mann of this place.

David Gerehart, of Locust Grove, stopped at the News office a few minutes last Friday morning. He had been working at James G. Kendall's.

Peter Kirk spent several days the past week in the eastern cities buying goods for his store at Big Cove Tannery.

Our old friend, George Morton, called to see us a few minutes on Monday. He was accompanied to town by his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Truax.

Mr. Thomas Patterson, of this place, accompanied by his son James, spent a few days during the past week looking after his farms in Cumberland county.

Mrs. S. B. Woollet, Mrs. E. C. Trout, Miss Mary Patterson and F. McNaughton Johnston of this place attended the funeral of Miss Helen Brotherton at Waynesboro Monday.

Mr. E. N. Akers, of Sipes Mill, who is selling the famous Blue Ribbon Line buggy was in town last Thursday. If you need a good buggy you would do well to read his ad in another column.

Miss Margaret Daniels who has just recently closed a successful school term in Licking Creek township, spent a few days with friends in town last week. She expects to go to Pittsburg in a few weeks to visit her sister Mrs. Will Dixon.

After a four week's visit in New York, Mrs. Alvah Hittman is home again. She was summoned to the metropolis on account of the fact that her sister Nettie had an attack of pneumonia. The latter, we are glad to be able to state, is recovering, and as soon as she is well enough to make the trip, her sister, Mrs. McIntyre will bring her home.

Charlie Irwin, who has been spending most of the past two years in Philadelphia attending a Horological Institute has completed the course and returned to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Irwin of this place. Charlie is now a professional jeweler, having completed a thorough course at one of the best institutions in the country. Just now he is suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

Rev. J. L. Grove and layman D. A. Nelson went to York county on Monday morning of last week to attend presbytery. Mr. Nelson returned on Wednesday. Mr. Grove expected to return next day; but when about to leave for home, he was informed that his mother, who had been ill for some time, seemed to be growing much weaker. He at once hastened to her bedside, and was permitted to be with her as she passed peacefully away on Thursday.

#### A LUCKY DOG.

Brother F. M. Taylor, of the Fulton Republican, has received an appointment on a Government engineer corps at a good salary and all expenses. He reported for duty last week. His temporary absence will not interfere with his newspaper; and the Fulton Republican will still be published on time at the old stand.

The legislature of this state, by Act of 1899, authorized a topographic and geological survey of the state in co-operation with the U. S. Geological Survey, and made an appropriation of \$40,000.

Among other things will be the making of a map to show the outlines of all the townships, counties, and extensive wooded areas of the state; the location of all the roads, railroads, canals, streams, creeks, rivers, and lakes; and, by contour lines, shall show the elevation and depression of the face of the state, as well as to carefully mark the location and extent of all areas containing oil, coal, gas, ore, clay &c.